Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The difficulty is this. People do not understand the meaning of commercial contract. The moment you enter into some arrangement with a firm outside for the supply of 10,000 or 5,000 rupees worth of these baskets, these merchants go there and offer them one or two pies more and those poor fellows sell away immediately all their baskets. When we enter into such a contract we are legally bound to fulfil the contract. A case has actually happened, but fortunately the person knew our difficulties and he did not claim any compensation. That is another great difficulty. It is a difficult proposition. Because people who are interested in this work will throw all kinds of obstacles in forming a society.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Has it not been brought to the notice of the Government by the marketing society that there is great demand for these baskets in outside markets?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes. Their business is to create markets and present those markets to these people. But the goods must be handed over to them, so that they may send them on their own initiative. If a society is started and some respectable and responsible man takes a keen interest, it will certainly be successful.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether the amount of Rs. 50 spent on four defectives does not appear to be too much? Suppose they are fed at the instance of the Government, probably it will be much cheaper.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* But what about the teachers?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* What is the good of giving instruction to these four defectives after spending Rs. 50 per mensem?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The complaint is for more grant.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Even the grant that is given appears to be too much. That is my case.

SREE NARAYANA SERVICE SOCIETY—PARTICULARS REGARDING

111. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is any society called Sree Narayana Service Society at Trichur;

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(*b*) whether it is registered; if so, when; under which Act; how many members are there;

(*c*) whether any statement or return has been filed by or on behalf of this society in 1114, 1115 or 1116 with any officer of the Registration Department;

(*d*) whether the statement or return mentioned in (*c*) has been at any time subjected to any verification;

(*e*) who are the persons who are responsible for the management of the society, as known from any statement or return filed by or on behalf of the society; are they all Cochinites; if not, to which places do each of them belong; whether the names of fictitious persons are included in the statement filed on behalf of the society;

(*f*) when was the last general meeting of the society held; who presided; has the society filed any statement or report of the annual meeting last held; is it not obligatory to do so;

(*g*) whether the society has started any kuri or kuries under the Cochin Kuries Act of 1107;

(*h*) whether the society has furnished the required security on starting the kuri or kuries mentioned in (*g*);

(*i*) whether trustees for kuries have been appointed or nominated by the society; if so, who are they;

(*j*) whether the society is filing the necessary statements as per the provisions of the Kuries Act in respect of the kuries conducted by it; when was such last statement or return filed;

(*k*) whether any officer of the Registration Department has examined at any time the statements or returns mentioned in (*j*); were they found satisfactory and according to rules;

(*l*) whether any complaint by way of petitions, or press comments has reached the Government with regard to the management of the society; whether the Government have conducted any enquiry with regard to this matter in pursuance of such petition or press comment; if so, what is the result of the enquiry?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes. It is at Kurkkancheri.

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(*b*) It is registered on 4th Dhanu 1112 under Act II of 1088; there are 63 members.

(*c*) Yes. With the Assistant Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Trichur.

(*d*) The return referred to in (*c*) is the annual list of members of the governing body. The Act does not provide that this return should be subjected to verification by any officer. Still the Assistant Registrar, Trichur, used to verify it at the time of filing.

(*e*) (1) M. C. Vasu Vaidyar.
(2) M. K. Ramakrishnan.
(3) E. K. Raghavan.
(4) K. I. Kittunni.
(5) K. K. Kuttan Vaidyar.
(6) K. C. Shaktan.

They are not all Cochinites. Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 belong to Trichur. The place to which No. 3 belongs is not known. He is stated to be now residing in Thalikulam, British Malabar. No. 6 belongs to Calicut.

From enquiries made it does not appear that the names of fictitious persons are included in the list.

(*f*) The last general meeting was held on 15th Dhanu 1116; Mr. E. K. Ramakrishnan presided; No statement or report of the annual meeting was filed; It is not obligatory to file such statement or report.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) No. There is a provision in the *vaimpu* that the society need not furnish any security and this provision has been assented to in writing by all the subscribers.

(*i*) Yes. They are—
(1) Kittunni, son of Kottiyattil Ittiparan, Kurkkancheri, Trichur.
(2) Velayudhan, son of Kandampulli Ponnassan, Anjur, Talappalli Taluk.
(3) Velayudhan Vaidyan, son of Kakanat

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Mama Vaidyan, Kundazhiyur Desam, Engandiyur Amsam, Ponnani Taluk.

(4) Raghavan, son of Eranezhath Krishnan, Thalikulam, Ponnani Taluk.

(*j*) Yes. The last return was filed on 13th Edavam 1116.

(*k*) Yes. The Assistant Registrar, Trichur. Some of the statements were not in order. Action is being taken for it.

(*l*) A press cutting from "Gomathi" came to the notice of Government. The information sought for in the press cutting was with regard to the present condition of the society as well as of the kuries conducted by it. No enquiry was made regarding the condition of the society as there is no provision in Act II of 1088 empowering the Department or Government to inspect the records or enquire into its affairs.

MALABAR NATIONAL BANK—INQUIRY UNDER SECTION 137 OF COMPANIES ACT

112. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies (Superintendent of Registration) has received any petition from any contributory or creditor of any company in Cochin demanding an investigation of the affairs of that company under section 137, sub-section (6) of the Indian Companies Act, made applicable to Cochin by His Highness the Maharaja's Proclamation;

(*b*) if answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether any action has been taken in that matter;

(*c*) what was the result;

(*d*) whether the Registrar has reported to the Government under section 138 of the Indian Companies Act?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No petition was received from any contributory or creditor of any company demanding an investigation of the affairs of that company under section 137 (6). There was a petition from a share-holder of the Malabar National Bank, Ltd., requesting for an investigation.

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